



# MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: June 7, 2006

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIII: Consideration of resolution accepting a grant of Proposition 40 funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Backbone Trail construction, pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant of \$125,000 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for construction of a section of the Backbone Trail, pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service (NPS).

Background: The National Park Service submitted a grant request to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy at the March 27, 2006 Conservancy meeting, seeking funds to complete construction of a key segment of the Backbone Trail between the Etz Meloy Motorway and Yerba Buena Road in the western Santa Monica Mountains. The Conservancy staff report is attached as background material. In its approval, the Conservancy authorized the MRCA to be designee for the grant, on behalf of the National Park Service. NPS has requested that MRCA accept the Conservancy grant and enter into a cooperative memorandum of understanding or letter agreement to fund NPS' construction of the trail segment.